March, 1992, all the basin States inter-alia agreed in principle to set up Yamuna Board for co-ordinated development and management of river Yamuna. Details of the set up of this Board will be discussed in the next meeting.

(e) Cleaning of Yamuna forms a part of the Ganga Action Plan, Phase II handled by the Ministry of Environment and Forest.

Cooperation with Nepal in water resource development

1593. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a number of decisions were taken by Government regarding various aspects of cooperation with the Government of Nepal in water resources development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in the matter till date ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was agreed during December, 1991 that project parameters for karnali multipurpose project shall be finalised expeditiously. A detailed project report for Pancheshwar multipurpose project shall be prepared jointly by October, 1992, Joint studies/investigations necessary to finalise the parameters of the Kosi High Dam Project, would be carried out expeditiously. Nepal will prepare the feasibility report for Kamla and Bagmati reservoirs scheme by 1993. As a follow up the Joint Committees/ Group of Exports for the projects have met to work out the resuired modalities and future programme of action.

Yamuna River Water Authority

1594. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to set up a Yamuna River Water Authority to resolve the inter-state disputes on sharing of Yamuna waters;

(b) if so, by when the proposed authority is likely to be constituted and whether the State Governments affected on sharing of Yamuna waters have agreed for such a proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the objectives of the proposed authority and by when the disputes on sharing of Yamuna waters are likely to be settled ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. Efforts are in hand for settling the issues through negotiations.

(b) to (d) In the inter-state meeting on sharing of Yamuna Waters and other related issues held on 28-3-92 all the Basin States inter-alia agreed to set up a Yamuna River Board for the co-ordinated development and management of river Yamuna. Details of the set up of this Board will be discussed in the next meeting. The proposed Yamuna River Board is not for resolution of disputes on sharing of Yamuna Waters, but is envisaged primarily for the coordinated implementation of the works covered by the different inter-State agreements and for the day to day management of the river flows and the abstractions from the river according to the provisions of the agreements.

Construction of irrigation projects

1595. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly two hundred irrigation projects are presently under construction in the country including four non-planned projects of the Cauvery Basin which have spilled over from the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, what was the spill-over cost of the projects of seventh Plan;

(c) whether Government have arrived at any target to complete all the projects which are running behind scheduled during the Eigth Plan period; and ,',

(d) if so, the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?